Working group for priority sector targets

1455. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to adopt agency or outsourcing methodologies to hit the priority sector targets;

(b) whether Government had constituted an inter-agency working group for his purpose;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that it had identified 23 financial conglomerates engaged in multiple financial activities for the purpose of consolidated supervision; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) to (c) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had set up an Internal Working Group to review the existing policy on priority sector lending, including the target and sub-targets. The Draft Technical Paper submitted by the Group has been placed in the public domain for views/comments.

(d) and (e) In the mid-term review of the monetary and credit policy for the year 2003-04, the RBI had announced establishment of a special monitoring system for Systemically Important Financial Intermediaries (SIFIs). Accordingly, an inter-regulatory Working Group had been constituted with members from RBI, Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and Insurance Regulatory & Development Authority (IRDA). The Working Group had identified Financial Conglomerates engaged in multiple financial activities for the purpose of consolidated supervision.

Hike in fed rate

1456. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that more fed rates hikes are likely in the country;